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June 8, 2007

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From: *David E. Janssen*
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RESPONSE TO MAY 8, 2007 BOARD DIRECTION ON THE CHILDREN PLANNING COUNCIL'S REPORT "YOUTH IN THE LOS ANGELES JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM: CURRENT CONDITIONS AND POSSIBLE DIRECTIONS FOR CHANGE"

On May 8, 2007, your Board received an oral presentation on the April 2006 report entitled *Youth in the Los Angeles County Juvenile Justice System: Current Conditions and Possible Directions for Change (Report)*. The Report was commissioned by your Board through the Children's Planning Council; Dr. Jacquelyn McCroskey, John Milner Professor of Child Welfare, USC School of Social Work.

Following the presentation, your Board directed the following:

- That the Children's Planning Council (CPC) provide a written report back to the Board by June 5, 2007 with recommendations on how to move forward to achieve the goals outlined in the Report.
- That the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), in consultation with the Chief Probation Officer and other appropriate County departments, review the Report and CPC's forthcoming recommendations to determine if the baseline data included in the Report and the recommendations would be "sufficient basis for a substantive, action-driven planning effort to reform the juvenile justice system, and determine if and how a consultant would be useful in enacting the recommended reforms, and report back to the Board in 30 days."

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In response to this action, the CPC and the CAO are respectively requesting an extension in the due date for the reporting back to your Board. The CPC Chief Executive Officer advises that she expects to submit recommendations to your Board by June 12, 2007. Upon receipt of these recommendations, the CAO will initiate the review of the Report and the recommendations in consultation with the Chief Probation Officer, the Department of Children and Family Services, the Sheriff's Department, County Counsel, and other appropriate departments. The CPC, Professor McCroskey and the Education Coordinating Council will also be consulted in this review. The CAO's review will be jointly led by the Deputy CEOs for Children and Family Well-Being and Public Safety. We anticipate that it will take approximately 30 days from the receipt of the CPC recommendations to complete the review and submit a report to your Board. Therefore, we respectively request an extension to July 16, 2007 to submit the CAO report and recommendations.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, please contact me, or your staff may contact Deputy CEO Doyle Campbell at (213) 893-2378 or via e-mail at rdcampbell@cao.lacounty.gov.

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